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EXDIS TREAT AS NODIS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV XF IS EG
SUBJ: AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM MEETINGS

REFS: (A) STATE 5218, (B) TEL AVIV 339, (C) STATE 5887

1. DAYAN IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROME AND WILL NOT RETURN HERE UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING (JANUARY 12). THUS THE EARLIEST I COULD SEE HIM TO CONVEY YOUR VIEWS ON THE AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM MEETINGS WOULD BE FRIDAY MORNING. WHEN BEGIN TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I TOLD HIM YOU HAD ASKED ME TO SEE DAYAN TO CONVEY OUR THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO AVOID DRAWN OUT HAGGLING OVER THE AGENDA. (REF C REPORTED THAT YOU HAD ALREADY RAISED AGENDA WITH DINITZ, AND I ASSUMED BEGIN HAD ALREADY SEEN DINITZ' REPORT.) BEGIN SAID I SHOULD SEE HIM ABOUT IT RATHER THAN AWAIT DAYAN'S RETURN.

2. I TOLD BEGIN THAT I ASSUMED TEL AVIV 339 TRANSMITTING DAYAN'S AGENDA COUNTERPROPOSALS TO KAMEL CROSSED WITH YOUR MESSAGE. BEGIN SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE
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EGYPTIAN REACTION TO DAYAN'S LETTER BEFORE MEETING WITH ME TO DISCUSS OUR IDEAS. WE AGREED I WOULD SEE HIM AS SOON AS WE HAVE A RESPONSE FROM CAIRO TO CONVEY.

3. EVEN THOUGH DAYAN'S EFFORTS MAY NOT CLOSE THE GAP, I AM STRUCK BY THE SERIOUS EFFORT HE HAS MADE TO DEAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND

THAT BEFORE EITHER HERMANN OR I CARRY OUT YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS, WE AWAIT THE EGYPTIAN REACTION. ALTHOUGH
TIME IS RUNNING SHORT, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD
CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE ON
BOTH SIDES TO BREAK THEIR OWN LOG JAM. IF BY
TOMORROW THE EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT REACTED, THEN HERMANN
AND I CAN GO TO WORK. LEWIS

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